IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

| MARCI | JEASEY. | et al |
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| WAKE | VEASE I. | . et at |

Plaintiffs,

v.

RICK PERRY, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 2:13-cv-193 (NGR) (Consolidated Action)

UNOPPOSED MOTION OF PLAINTIFFS AND PLAINTIFFS-INTERVENORS TO POSTPONE FILINGS OF MOTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES AND COSTS

Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs-Intervenors¹ (hereafter "Plaintiffs") respectfully move this Court to postpone the filing and briefing of any motions for attorneys' fees, expenses and costs. As explained below, Defendants do not oppose this motion. As grounds for this motion, Plaintiffs would show that:

- 1. On October 9, 2014, this Court entered its Opinion declaring that SB 14 was unconstitutional and violative of federal law. D.E. 628. An Order and Final Judgment granting permanent and final injunctive relief was entered on October 11, 2014, barring enforcement of SB 14's identification provisions. D.E. 633.
- 2. On October 11, 2014, the Defendants filed a Notice of Appeal of this Court's Final Judgment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. D.E. 634.
- 3. The local rules of this Court state that motions seeking an award of attorneys' fees and costs should be filed within 14 days of the judgment. *See* LR 54.2. See also Fed. R. Civ. Pro. Rule 54(d)2(B).

¹ All Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs-Intervenors in these consolidated cases, except for the United States of America, join in this unopposed motion.

- 4. Plaintiffs believe that it is appropriate for this Court to hold in abeyance "the fee and costs issues" pending the outcome of the Defendants' appeal. Accordingly, the Plaintiffs file this motion seeking entry of the attached Order, which would hold in abeyance the filing of any motions for attorneys' fees, expenses and costs pending the disposition of Defendants' pending appeal.
- 5. Pursuant to LR7.2, the parties have conferred in good faith regarding this motion. Counsel for Defendants, Mr. Adam Aston, has advised Plaintiffs' counsel (Mr. Hebert) that Defendants do not oppose this motion.
- 6. The attached proposed Order would require the parties, within fourteen (14) days of the disposition of the Defendants' pending appeal: to meet and confer and submit to this Court any agreement for an award of attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs; or if no agreement is reached, to submit a schedule for filing any motions (and responses) for attorneys' fees, expenses and costs.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs respectfully pray that this Court grant this motion holding in abeyance the filing of any motions for an award of attorneys' fees, expenses and costs, and enter the attached Order with respect to such motions.

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Respectfully submitted,

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